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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Senator Tyson contributed the names of some other parties, but I just mentioned independents because that term does not designate a party. It designates those people who do not see enough in any existing party to cause them to join it. We're at a point now where other things can be touched on because something may work out on this bill that will free all of you, but it still does not mean in my mind that the bill ought to move forward. It simply means that it may be in a form where I'm not going to prevent a vote from being taken on it. But, since I've talked about the status of the Legislature, I want to use this amendment as an opportunity to discuss that because, as a member of the Exec Board, we sometimes have to appoint people to various committees, subcommittees and other groups, and political balance is a requirement. That leads me to a discussion, very briefly, of what those of us on the Executive Board have a duty to do. That is to serve something like a board of directors who will handle things that the body as a whole or a committee of the whole could not conveniently do. So, in discharging our duties, we try to take into consideration what is good for the Legislature as an institution. As a part of this tripartite government, my view is that we, as a Legislature, do not do the things that we ought to do which would enhance our stature, enhance it from where we have allowed it to sink. But if we lived up to what it is that a Legislature should do, no enhancement would be necessary because we would be operating at that optimum level. If we thought more of what we do, we would think more of the people that we hire, because we would hire people who can do good work, solid work, work of which no senator has to be ashamed or embarrassed by, not have somebody scribble something down and give it to you at the last minute, you try to stumble and fumble your way through it and then it doesn't even make sense to you so you sit down. Allowing staff people to do what you, as a senator, ought to do, that's a no-no, but each senator can run his or her office as he or she chooses. But in those offices which are run this way there is a fertile field for lobbyists and the heads of agencies to get to a staff member and they control the senator because they feel the staff member has more sense than the senator, and that is not a good thing. When they get term limits, that will